

## CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: CAR-190 (PACS 6) Construction Date: circa 1920, 1955

Name: Montague Property

Location: 20783 Dover Bridge Road, Tanyard Vicinity, Caroline County

Private/Private Residence/Occupied/Good/Not Accessible

### Description:

The Montague Property consists of a 1-story, 3-bay side-gable cottage with an off-center projecting front-gable built in 1955 and four circa 1920 outbuildings. The property is located on the south side of Dover Bridge Road in Tanyard Vicinity, Caroline County. The outbuildings include a shed, a garage, a machine shed, and a chicken house. The shed is of wood-frame construction with a front-gable roof and a concrete block chimney. The garage has a front-gable roof and is covered in corrugated metal. The machine shed is a side-gable wood-frame building, open on one side. It has severe deterioration on the roof. The chicken house had a shed roof and is of wood-frame construction with vertical board siding.

### Significance:

The Montague Property was created out of the larger Engle Property (CAR-132) in 1918. In that year, Amelia, or Emile, Engle sold 2.0 hectares (5 acres) of land to her daughter Lizzie Montague. At that time Amelia Engle was a widow. She and her husband William Engle had purchased 48.6 hectares (120 acres) from Emily J. Henry and her husband Manson Henry in 1891. Lizzie Montague developed her property with a house and the outbuildings which currently exist on the site circa 1920. Lizzie Montague conveyed the property in 1953 to her son Harry and his wife Gladys Montague. Harry and Gladys Montague built the current house on the property in 1955, and continue to own the property.

**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form**  
**MD 331 - Dover Bridge over Choptank River**

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

**1. Name:** (indicate preferred name)

historic Montague Property (preferred)

and/or common

**2. Location:**

street & number 20783 Dover Bridge Road

n/a not for publication

city, town Tanyard ☒ vicinity of

congressional district

state Maryland

county Caroline

**3. Classification:**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation

**4. Owner of Property:** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Harry and Gladys Montague

street & number 20783 Dover Bridge Road

telephone no.:

city, town Preston

state and zip code MD 21655-1602

**5. Location of Legal Description**

Caroline County Clerk of Courts Office, Caroline County Courthouse

liber 120

street & number Market Street

folio 46

city, town Denton

state MD

**6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

title

date

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

ci , town

state

## 7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Resource Count: 5

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Montague Property consists of a 1-story, 3-bay side-gable cottage with an off-center projecting front-gable built in 1955 and four circa 1920 outbuildings. The property is located on the south side of Dover Bridge Road in the Tanyard Vicinity, Caroline County.

The house has a side-gable roof covered in asphalt shingles, with a central brick chimney. It is of wood-frame construction with vinyl siding, and it has a poured concrete foundation. The windows are double-hung aluminum. The house has a screened porch on the east elevation. The porch has a side-gable roof and wood posts. The house has a centered front door, a door leading onto the screened-in porch on the east gable end, and a door in the third bay of the south elevation. The windows are mostly 1/1 aluminum double-hung windows, except the front picture window which has a large central fixed-sash flanked by two 1/1 double-hung windows.

The outbuildings are located to the west of the house. The first outbuilding is a shed, with a front-gable roof covered in asphalt shingles. Constructed circa 1920 it is of wood-frame construction with corrugated metal siding. There are a door and a concrete block chimney on the east gable end, one 6-light fixed-sash window on the south elevation, one 2-light fixed-sash window on the west gable end, and a large vent on the north elevation. The shed is located immediately west of the house, and to the north of the other outbuildings.

The second outbuilding, constructed circa 1920 is a wood-frame garage with a front-gable roof covered with corrugated metal. The garage is open on the east gable end, and there is one 2-light fixed-sash window in the south elevation, and one identical window in the west gable end. The garage is located southwest of the house, south of the shed, and north of the other two outbuildings.

The third outbuilding is a small machine shed. It has a side-gable roof covered in asphalt shingles, and has a lower slope on the west or rear elevation than the east or front elevation. Constructed circa 1920, it is of wood-frame construction with vertical board siding. The east elevation is open, and there are no other openings in the structure. The building suffers from severe deterioration on the rear slope of the roof. This building is located southwest of the house, south of the garage and shed, and north of the chicken house.

The fourth outbuilding is a chicken house with a shed roof covered in asphalt shingles. Constructed circa 1920, it is of wood-frame construction with vertical board siding. It is long and narrow in form, with a large door on the north end, and regularly spaced doors on the east elevation. There are also regularly spaced openings on the east elevation directly below the roof line. The roof slopes down to the west. There is a shed-roof shed attached to the northwest corner of the chicken house. The chicken house is no longer in use, and is located southwest of the other buildings on the property.

Interior access to the buildings was not available.

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## 7. Description (Continued)

The property is located on the south side of Dover Bridge Road, on the west side of a dirt drive that leads to the Engle Property (CAR-132). There are cultivated fields to the east, a residential and agricultural property to the south, marsh to the west, and a commercial property across the road to the north. There is a line of trees to the immediate west of the outbuildings. The property's setting is rural, with some mobile home development which has occurred across the street.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archaeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates circa 1920, 1955	Builder/Architect
1920	1955

check:      Applicable Criteria:    \_\_\_A    \_\_\_B    \_\_\_C    \_\_\_D  
                and/or  
Applicable Exceptions:    \_\_\_A    \_\_\_B    \_\_\_C    \_\_\_D    \_\_\_E    \_\_\_F    \_\_\_G

Level of Significance:    \_\_\_national                \_\_\_state                \_\_\_local

**Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.**

The Montague Property was created out of the larger Engle Property (CAR-132) in 1918. In that year, Amelia, or Emile, Engle sold 2.0 hectares (5 acres) of land to her daughter Lizzie Montague. At that time Amelia Engle was a widow. She and her husband William Engle had purchased 48.6 hectares (120 acres) from Emily J. Henry and her husband Manson Henry in 1891. Lizzie Montague developed her property with a house and the outbuildings which currently exist on the site circa 1920. Lizzie Montague conveyed the property in 1953 to her son Harry and wife Gladys Montague. Harry and Gladys Montague built the current house on the property in 1955, and continue to own the property. The other buildings on the property are a chicken house, machine shed, garage, and shed.

Chicken houses are utilitarian structures used to provide protection for the chickens to nest and roost. The size of the structure was dependant on the number of chickens in the flock. Early chicken houses were simple structures constructed of rough timber and reused boards, and did not conform to specific traditional building forms. Chicken houses throughout the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries were of varied forms and material without distinctive external features to indicate their use. Often older outbuildings were converted for use as chicken houses. The structures were commonly constructed to face south or east to provide direct sunlight and circulation. The location of the building on well-drained, sandy soil was another effort to keep the chicken house dry and disease free. Chicken houses were also constructed against other outbuildings which used the existing building as the rear wall of the chicken house. Free-standing structures were built into hillsides, with a high stone foundation. The banked building was sheltered by the hillside on three sides, and allowed for a 3-story structure. In the twentieth century chicken farming became specialized resulting in standardized, recognizable chicken houses. A long, low, broadly-pitched gable roof structure of pole construction characterizes chicken houses of the twentieth century.

Sheds are small utilitarian buildings used for the storage of non-food items, such as small tools, chemicals, or machines. Sometimes equipment such as generators or oil tanks are sheltered in sheds. They are often built to supplement the storage space available in structures designed for a specific function such as animal shelter, food storage, or food production. These multi-purpose sheds are difficult to categorize because of their simple building form and resemblance to other outbuildings. Most sheds are small wood-frame structures with gable roofs and few wall openings. Sheds are likely to be associated with domestic properties, as well as agricultural properties.

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Function-specific sheds are identified by specialized building forms. Machine sheds are long gable-roof buildings which serve as a storage space for large farm equipment. Often of wood-frame construction, covered with an exterior sheathing, machine sheds are open on one or more sides to allow for easy storage of machines like threshers, combines, and farm vehicles.

### History of Surrounding Area

In June 1631 Cecil Calvert, the Second Lord Baltimore received a royal charter from Charles I founding the English colony of Maryland. This land was inhabited by the Choptanks, Nanticokes, Wicomeses and other peoples when English explorers and early settlers arrived. Caroline County was founded in 1774 from Queen Anne and Dorchester Counties. It differs from other Eastern Shore counties in having no border on the Chesapeake Bay, though access to the Bay is assured by means of the Choptank River (Rairigh 1950, 1095). The majority of Caroline County's population descended from families of English ancestry. African-Americans arrived as slaves and have remained the largest minority population in the county although, slavery was much less prevalent in Caroline County than in neighboring Eastern Shore counties. From the end of the eighteenth century to the present, the county's population has been primarily Quaker or Methodist. Both groups contributed to a strong anti-slavery sentiment in the county years before the Civil War.

A boundary dispute which periodically grew violent discouraged settlers from entering parts of the future Caroline County which lay near the unresolved border of Delaware and Maryland. By the time much of the county was deemed safe to occupy in 1761, other Eastern Shore planters, as in Talbot County, had already begun to diversify their crops. A large proportion of the land under cultivation in Caroline County was held by small farmers (Rairigh 1950, 1100, 1104-5). Farmers in Caroline County had never depended upon tobacco, and in 1840 they produced none at all (Rairigh 1950, 1105). Instead farms produced a variety of livestock, grains, produce, dairy products and other goods.

After the Civil War, the arrival of the Maryland and Delaware Railroad in 1869, which ran north along the Eastern Shore peninsula, opened northern markets for Caroline County produce (Rairigh 1950, 1114). With the development of refrigerated cars and later automobiles, truck farming of fruits and vegetables along with dairy production became more profitable. In the 1950s, the Chesapeake Bay Bridge brought renewed life to truck farming and poultry production (Brugger 1988, 577). Seafood production was never a leading industry for Caroline County as it was for other Eastern Shore counties.

The Choptank River served as a natural transportation corridor, encouraging the development of many small landings along the Caroline County shore. But the river also served as a barrier between the citizens of Caroline County and the port villages which were developing on the Talbot County side of the river. The port of Dover arose from John Barker's ferry on the Talbot County side of the Choptank River which was first mentioned in the records of 1663 (Preston 1983, 80). Its importance derived from the fresh water content of the river at that point. Ships from

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England sought Dover's harbor in order to kill the salt water shipworms which were notoriously destructive to wooden ships. After a failed bid by Dover to become the Eastern Shore capital in the late eighteenth century, Dover Ferry moved its crossing two miles upriver and Dover began to decline into obscurity. The new ferry location was a deep and narrow section of the river, with extensive marshes on the Caroline County side. The road was extended through the marsh and the ferry was established (Mullikin 1961, 42). The Dover name lingers in several place names, including Dover Road and Dover Bridge. Dover Ferry and later Dover Bridge, provided Caroline County with an important land link to Talbot County. In 1810 Talbot and Caroline county citizens petitioned for a bridge in the vicinity of Dover Ferry (History of Caroline County, 32-33). Historic maps indicate that a bridge was constructed in subsequent years at the site of the Dover Ferry crossing. A later replacement was one of the earliest cast-iron bridges in Maryland (History of Road Building in Maryland, 125). The bridge was constructed as a moveable structure in order to accommodate the height of the vessels which navigated the Choptank River and is labeled the "Dover Draw Bridge" on an 1873 map of the area (Martenet). The current structure is a Warren truss, swing moveable bridge which was built in 1933 (Survey Form).

### National Register Evaluation:

Constructed circa 1920 and 1955, the Montague Property is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as it retains only the historic outbuildings which are altered or deteriorated. The outbuildings no longer retain their integrity of association and feeling because of the replacement of the historic house. The outbuildings have been altered with modern siding, and the machine is collapsing; these conditions negatively impact the integrity of the buildings' workmanship, design, and materials. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

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Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility Not Recommended XX

Reviewer, OPS: [Signature]  
Reviewer, NR Program: [Signature]

Date: 6/19/98  
Date: 7/8/98



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9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Attached

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property  
Quadrangle name Fowling Creek, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries			
state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan Taylor/Caroline Hall

organization P.A.C. Spero & Companydate February 1998/Revised May 1998

street & number 40 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 412telephone (410) 296-1635

city or town Baltimorestate Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposed only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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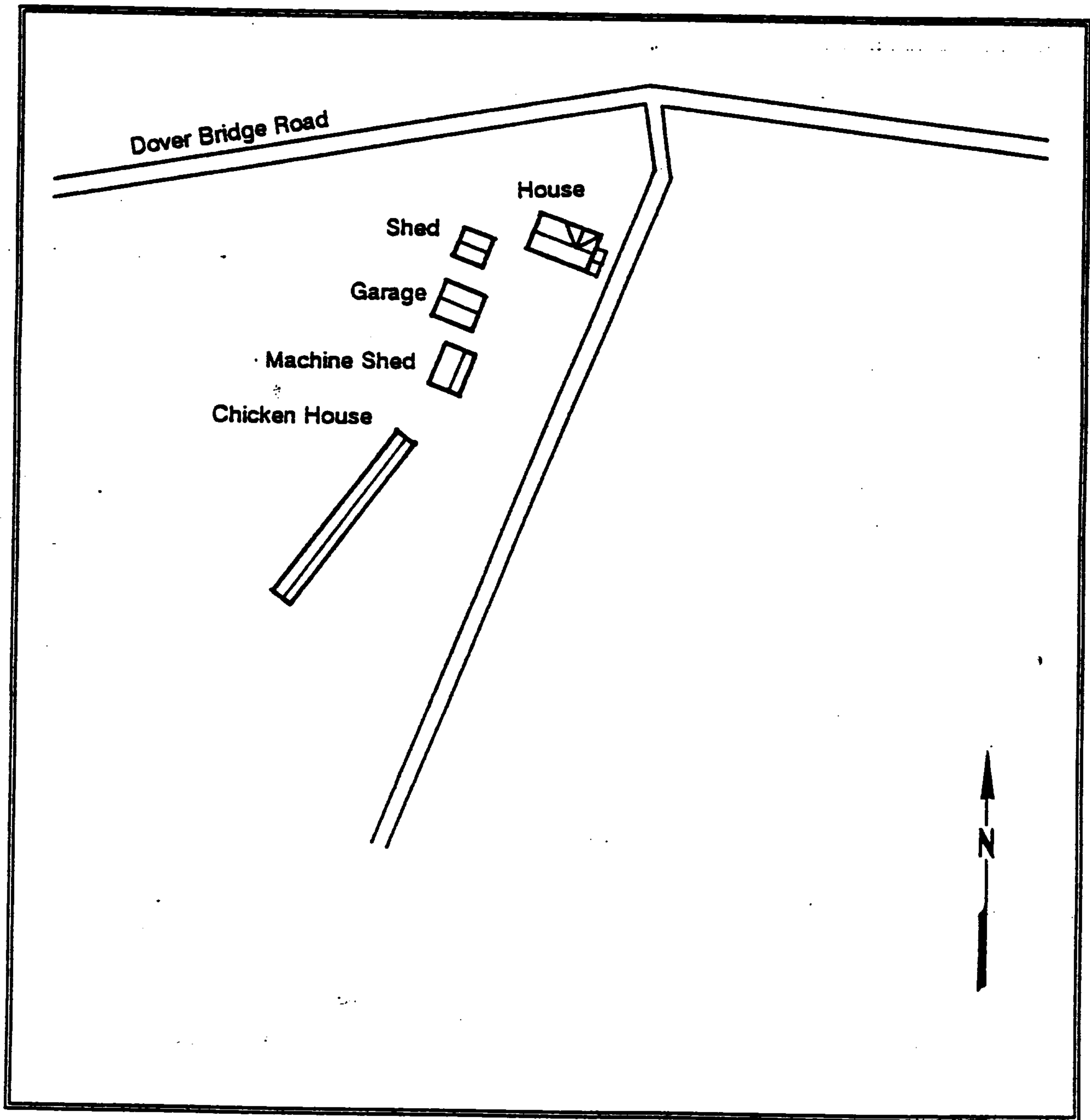
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Resource Sketch Map:



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**Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet**

**Historic Context:**

**MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA**

**Geographic Organization:** Eastern Shore

**Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):** Industrial/Urban Dominance, Modern Period,  
A.D. 1870-1930, A.D. 1930-Present

**Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):** Agriculture

**RESOURCE TYPE:**

**Category (see Section 3 of survey form):** Buildings

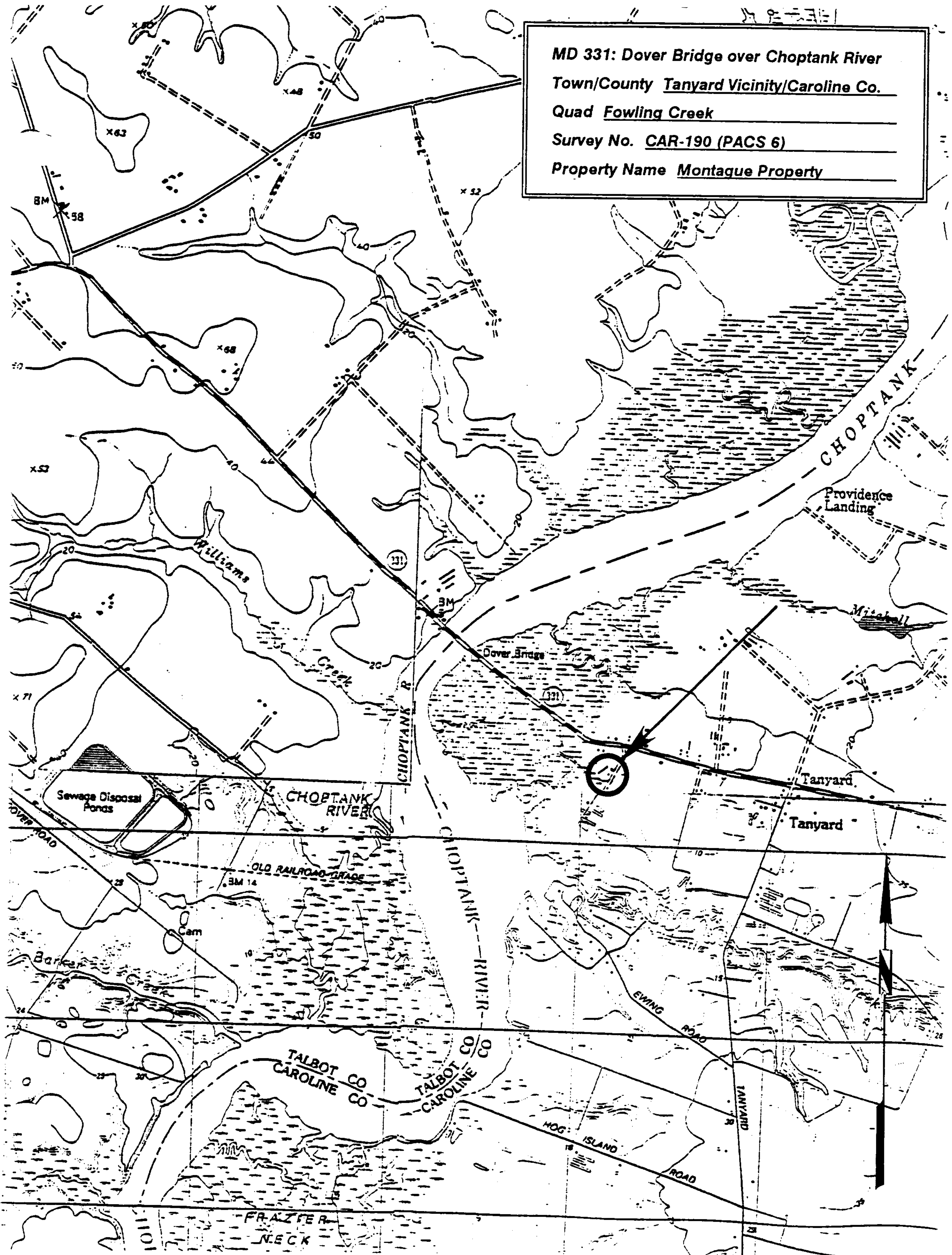
**Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):** rural

**Historic Function(s) and Use(s):** agriculture, private residence

**Known Design Source (write none if unknown):** none

**Preparer:**  
**P.A.C. Spero & Company**  
**February 1998/Revised May 1998**

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Town/County Tanyard Vicinity/Caroline Co.  
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MONTAGUE PROPERTY

CAROLINE COUNTY

SUSAN TAYLOR

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MD SHPO

HOUSE, NORTH ELEVATION

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CAROLINE COUNTY

SUSAN TAYLOR

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MD SHPO

HOUSE, NORTHEAST CORNER

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